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Good morning,

Attached for your review please find a Form – 2: Assessment of Effects NCR39567, Area 1 and 2, Perth Amboy City, Perth Amboy.

Please forward any questions you may have to me at courtney.clark@urs.com. We look forward to your response.

Thank you,

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Application ID #	NCR39567					
Applicant Name:	City of Perth Amb	оу				
Street Address:	Area 1 and 2, Perth	n Amboy City				
Municipality:	Perth Amboy City		County:	Middles	sex	
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Undertaking:	Rehabilitation:	Interior	Exterior	X Both	Elevation	
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					gments. Twenty-eight parcels	are within Area 1, the
Description: sout	thern portion and 22 parcel	s are within Area 2, th	ne northern portion.			
•		Table 1. DA	MC DIN lot ident	ifiana agganiat	ed with this APE:	
		Area 1 – South (b			(Bayview Park)	
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		1216_6_1		216_51_3		
		1216_9.01_1		216_51_4		
		1216_9.01_1.01		216_51_4.01		
		1216_9.02_1	1	216_51_5		
		1216_9.02_1.01	1	216_51_5.01		
		1216_9.03_1	1	216_50_10		
		1216_9.03_1.01		216_53_1		
		1216_1.01_5		216_52_1		
		1216_1.01_5.01		216_52_2		
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Architecture

Area 1 contains the Lawrence Kearney House (63 Catalpa Street), a historic property listed on the NJ State Register in September 1975 (ID#1894) and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP; #76001166) in May of 1976. According to the Kearney Cottage Historical Association (www.kearnycottage.org), the Lawrence Kearney House was built in 1781 in the Colonial style. The residence occupies the front of the parcel and has a saltbox design. The building stands one-and-one-half stories in height and is sheltered by a medium-pitched, side-gabled roof, having a long, pitched roof that slopes down to the west (rear) elevation. The roof is covered with wood shingles; the façade's cornice has small scrolling brackets. On the rear roof slope are two interior brick chimneys near the side-end roof ridges. The building has a one story extending from the rear. The walls are clad with horizontal wood clapboard; the clapboard on the façade and the rear of the northwest bay has narrow clapboards, while the remaining elevations have wider clapboards. The building has double-hung, six-over-six, wood-framed window sashes that are flanked by wood shutters fastened with iron hardware. The windows are arranged in singles. The façade has an elevated, one-story, full-width, front porch with a hipped roof covered by an unknown material. Three wood steps access the front porch, supported by square wood posts with decorative scrolling brackets and a wood post balustrade. The façade has a slightly off-centered main entry with a wood paneled door highlighted with brass hardware. To the northeast of the main entry are two evenly spaced windows, and to the southeast, closer to the door, is a window. The second story has three windows with similar placement to the first story.

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The south (side) elevation's first story has a window and ancillary entry near the front and a window closer to the rear; the entry has a wood door with three-by-five lights; there is an elevated walk out porch from the ancillary entry that is supported by square wood posts and has a wood balustrade. The second story has a window above the first story ancillary entry. The west (rear) elevation slopes down to one-story. There is a centered ancillary entry flanked by windows; the entry has a wood door with panels at the lower half and threeby-three lights at the upper half. There is an elevated walk out porch from the ancillary entry that is supported by square wood posts and has a wood balustrade. On the roof are two gable dormers with pairs of small double-hung windows; the dormers are off-centered closer to the north elevation. The north (side) elevation has single windows that are closer to the façade and symmetrical on the first and second stories. URS concurs that the Lawrence Kearney House is an individually listed structure on the NRHP.

Currently, the Lawrence Kearney House is a museum operated by Kearny Cottage Historical Society and serves as a repository for many items reflecting the maritime history of its owners and the city. The cottage was home to Elizabeth Lawrence Kearny (also known as the poet, "Madame Scribblerus") and Michael Kearny. Their son, Commodore Lawrence Kearny, was born and died in the house. The historic building's significance falls under Criteria B, as this residence is significant for its association with the life of a person important to history: Commodore Lawrence Kearny (November 30, 1789-November 29, 1868). Commodore Kearny was famous for his open door trade policy with China and he was known as "The Sailor Diplomat." The residence demonstrates Commodore Kearny's important contributions to politics/government and military history at the local, state, or national level. The cottage was originally located on High Street, but was moved to Sadowski Parkway when the last Kearny descendant died in the 1920s. The building was later moved to where it now stands at 63 Catalpa Avenue, just a dozen yards inland from the mouth of the Raritan River. Although the building does not retain its integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association due to these earlier relocations, the building's historic integrity is still valid because it falls under the National Park Service Criteria Considerations (b), "A building or structure removed from its original location but is primarily significant for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event." The building also continues to have its integrity of design, workmanship, and materials.

Area 2 contained the McCormick Tenant House, also known as the Harbor Light Tavern. This resource had been listed in the NJ HPO State Register on June 25, 1980. Based on review of historic aerials, it has been determined that the building was demolished prior to the Hurricane Sandy. Demolition occurred sometime between 1986 and 1995 (www.HistoricAerials.com). The former site of this building is now a parking lot. In addition, the Perth Amboy Ferry Slip, which is listed in the NRHP, is located immediately north of the applicant property; the southern edge of the resource boundary extends into the applicant property. This resource was listed in the NRHP on 11/28/1978 and the NJ State Register on 7/12/1978. The Perth Amboy Ferry Slip features an extant building that appears to be in present-day use.

Archaeology

Area 1 stretches along the north shore of the Raritan River from 2nd Street, around Ferry Point, and up to a point midway between Lewis Street and Gordon Street. The project area includes recreational use areas, beach, and parking lots. While the NRHP-listed Lawrence Kearny House is located within Area 1, the resource was moved to this location and therefore no associated colonial-era archaeological deposits would be expected. The Bluff, a geographical location, is located at the shoreline near the present day intersection of Water and Lewis Streets. This was the site of a Revolutionary War skirmish in July 1776 between colonists on shore and a British ship anchored in the harbor (Frazza 2014*). Although an event significant to history, it is unlikely that the skirmish produced a significant archaeological signature that could be identified or would offer NRHP-eligible integrity or add to the knowledge of this singular event. Shoreline development between 1931 and 1940 created the current waterfront (historicaerials.com). Table 2 gives a brief summary of development and changes indicated by an examination of readily available aerial imagery for the Area 1 APE.

Table 2: Area 1 –South (beach area)

1931: Piers and jetties had been constructed by this date.
1940: Sadowski Parkway was constructed west of Water Street on newly developed artificial land. Parks and tennis courts
added and piers/jetties have been reconstructed.
1947: The piers at Catalpa Avenue and State Street have been removed.
1953: The park at Ferry Point has been rebuilt and area has been augmented with fill material.
1954-1972: No change
1979: One building that was located between State and Wisteria Streets was removed.
1987: No change
1995: The pier at the north end had been removed.
2002: Sadowski Parkway is closed-off west of Madison Avenue.
2006: A building located between State and Wisteria Street had been removed and a gazebo was added in its place.

Area 2 is located on the west bank of Arthur Kill from Gordon Street to Smith Street, comprising Bayview Park. The project area is generally characterized as immediate waterfront areas and a mix of docks for recreational boating, open space park and recreational areas and parking lots. Area 2/Bayview Park and the northern tip of Area 1 are within Archaeological Grid EF119. The NRHP-listed McCormick Tenant House (Harbor Light Tavern) was present in Area 2; the residence has since been demolished, although archaeological remains may be present below the paved parking lot within lot 1216_52_4. Shoreline development between 1931 and 1940 created the current waterfront (historicaerials.com). Table 3 gives a brief summary of shoreline development and changes indicated by an examination of readily available aerial imagery for the Area 2 APE.

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2006: Additional marina improvements are evident.



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* http://www	revolutionarywarnewjersey.com/new_jersey_revolutionary_war_sites/towns/perth_amboy_nj_revolutionary_war_sites.htm). Table 7: Area 2 –North (Bayview Park)
	1931: Some piers have been constructed by this date.
=	1940: The marina was added. The park has been established with buildings existing at the north end.
	1947-1953: No change
=	1954: The few buildings previously located in the north end have been removed.
=	1957-1963: No change
	1966: A building that was located at the south end had been removed.
	1969-1972: No change
	1979: A building in the south was removed and a building was added to the north end.
	1980: No change
=	1986: The extant marina appears half constructed (old marina removed by this time).
	1995: No change
	2004: The marina appears completed and prior buildings have been removed. The extant building seen today have been constructed a parking lot was added to the north end and ship's wheel landscape feature was added.

Maps of historic-era fill (http://www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs/geodata/dgs04-7.htm) indicate fill deposits along the west bank of Arthur Kill around Gordon Street and Smith Street (i.e., in the northern tip of Area 1 and along most of the northern section of the APE/Area 2). Aerial imagery also indicates fill episodes and the creation and augmentation of the shorelines in Area 1/ the beach areas in three distinct episodes or phases; 1940, 1953 and 1963 (see 4th and 5th maps below). In considering the degree of manmade and artificial land to arrive at areas of probability within the APEs, fill, land creation and prior construction disturbances were used to determine areas where archaeological potential remain (see images 1-3).

Portions of both areas of the APE appear to offer a natural stable landform, proximity to key water resources and minimal prior disturbance being favorable for yielding significant pre-contact era occupation. The project area is additionally within areas of known early historic-era occupation and use and presents at minimum a moderate probability for containing significant archaeological resources. These areas are identified graphically in the attachment that follows, including lot 1216_52_4, containing the former location of the McCormick Tenant House and lot 1216_52_7, containing NRHP-listed portions of the Perth Amboy Ferry Slip.

Description of the Undertaking/SOW

The proposed project consists of repairs and improvements to a public facility with no change in land use. Area 1 includes the beachfront, fishing piers, the public park and esplanade, and seven tennis courts. Repairs and improvements to Area 1 will include refurbishing the boat ramp and installing a new rack for kayaks and canoes near Second Street (involves a driven piling) as well as installation of six beach volleyball courts and portable aluminum bleachers on the beach. A new public restroom will be constructed on the park area adjacent to the beach, along with two seasonal open beach wash-down stations installed at the ramps. Other improvements include four drinking fountains and replacement in place of five tennis courts, potentially including new lighting and fencing.

Bayview Park comprises Area 2. Bayview Park improvements include terracing the park to mitigate future erosion, installing ADA access ramps, and reconstructing a 6-foot wide and 6-inch thick sidewalk on Front Street. New curbs, striping, signage, and landscaping with drip irrigation will be installed. Damaged public lighting will be replaced. A Tideflex valve will be installed on the pipes discharging into Staten Island Sound, which will prevent water from entering during high tide or storm surges. The final product will result in a new and improved waterfront. The improvements will greatly increase attraction to the new amenities and will become a protection for waterfront communities.

Current Property Statu	<u>is</u>			
National Historic Landm	ark?		Yes No	
National Register of Hist	toric Places Listed?		Yes No	
Within a National Regist	ter of Historic Places Historic District?		Yes No	
			Contributing	Non-Contributing
Does the property have a SHPO Opinion or COE?			Yes No	Portions
Within a Known Archaeo	ological Site?		Yes No	
Within an Area of High Archaeological Sensitivity? Area of Previous H			Occupation	
	Prop	perty Located within H	HPO's Archaeologi	cal Site Sensitivity Grid
	∑ Area	a Located on Well-Dra	ained Soils located	within 500 feet of
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	waterways, wetland complexes, or relict glacial features.				
Preliminary Property Evaluation					
Further Survey Nece	Further Survey Necessary: Archaeological Historic Architecture				
No Further Survey N					
Recommend Eligible					
	Criteria: [Check All That Apply]				
Reasonir					
Recommend Ineligib	ble: Lacks Integrity of Materials/Design				
	Not 48 Years of Age				
	Not Within / In View of a National Register of Historic Places Listed / Eligible Historic District				
	Not a Building (per FEMA Definition)				
	Other – Lacks Distinctive Characteristics That Make It Individually Eligible for Listing on NRHP				
Applicant ID #	NCR39567				
Property Address:	Area 1, Perth Amboy City, NJ				
Assessment of Effects	No Historic Properties Adversely Affected Architecture: the proposed park improvements will not have an adverse effect on architectural resources as all new construction will take place close to the beach, several blocks from historic resources.				
	No Historic Properties Adversely Affected, provided the following conditions are met:				
	Archaeology: Areas of the APE appear to offer a natural stable landform, proximity to key water resources and				
	minimal prior disturbance being favorable for yielding significant pre-contact era occupation. The project area is				
	additionally within areas of known early historic-era occupation and use. Portions of previously undisturbed areas of the APE present a moderate probability for containing significant archaeological resources (See attached graphical				
	depictions). This includes lot 1216_52_4 (McCormick Tenant House site) and lot 1216_52_7 containing NRHP-listed				
	portions of the Perth Amboy Ferry Slip.				
	Many of the areas of archaeological potential have been covered with fill and no historic properties will be adversely				
	affected if disturbance does not extend below the depth of fill or if ground disturbance is confined to portions of the property that fall outside of the areas of moderate archaeological potential. A review of the scope of work description				
	for Area 1 suggests that park improvements are unlikely to adversely affect archaeological resources. Terracing in Area				
	2 should take place outside of areas of potential. Should ground-disturbance within those areas (identified graphically below) having moderate archaeological potential be required beyond demonstrated previous disturbances, additional NJ				
	HPO consultation must occur.				
	Adverse Effect				
National Historic Landmark Consultation Process [If Applicable]					
Undertaking Located Within NHL : National Park Service					
Applying Allowances As Defined in Programmatic Agreement: National Park Service State Historic Preservation Office					
Tier I: Tier II:					
Adverse Effect: National Park Service State Historic Preservation Office Advisory Council on Historic Preservation					
Resolution of Adverse l	Resolution of Adverse Effects Abbreviated Consultation Process Treatment Measure:				
Memorandum of Agreement					
Programmatic Agreement					
Public Consultation					
	ederally Recognized Tribes, Certified Local Governments, Historic Preservation Commissions, etc:				
	A does not require consultation based on location and type of activity proposed.				
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☐ I concur with this finding,		
\square I do not concur with this finding for the following reason(s):		
Daniel D. Saunders Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer	Date	

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Date Reviewed	12/05/2014		





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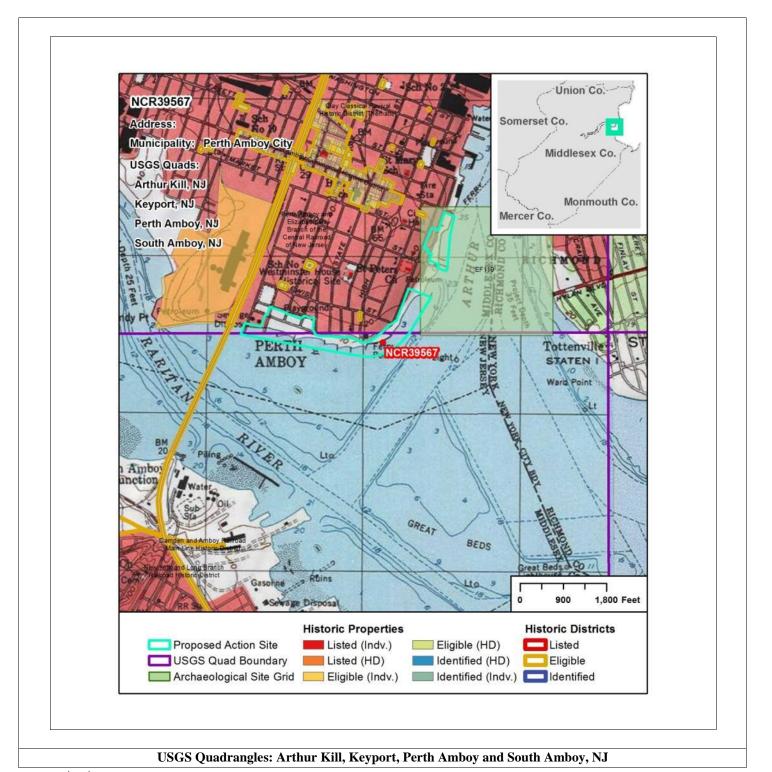
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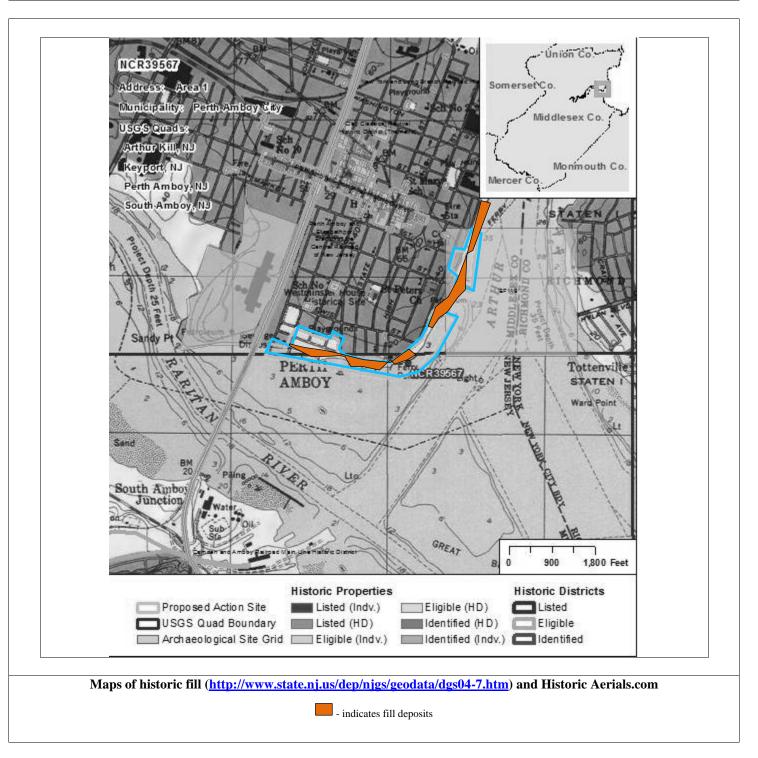
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Property Address:	Area 1, Perth Amboy City, NJ

Date: 12/5/2014

Direction: N/A

Description:

Area 1 (West); highlighted areas determined to offer minimal disturbance below fill and moderate archaeological probability (on 2012 Bing aerial image)



Date: 12/5/2014 Direction: N/A

Description:

Area 1 (East); highlighted areas determined to offer minimal disturbance below fill and moderate archaeological probability (on 2012 Bing aerial image)







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Property Address:	Area 1, Perth Amboy City, NJ

Date:	12/5/2014	
Direction:		
Description:		
Area 2; highli	ghted areas	
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Applicant ID #	NCR39567
Property Address:	Area 1, Perth Amboy City, NJ

Date:	10/21/2014
Direction:	Northeast
Description:	

Open space within central Area 1 (South APE; field photo 10)



Date:	10/21/2014
Direction:	Southwest
Description:	

Corner of the park as seen from near NRHP-listed Kearney Cottage (field photo 13)







Applicant ID #	NCR39567
Property Address:	Area 1, Perth Amboy City, NJ

Date: 10/21/2014
Direction: Southeast
Description:

Beach area of Area 1 APE (South; field photo 15)



Date: 10/21/2014
Direction: Southwest

Description:

Eastern edge of Area 1 APE (South; field photo 31)







Applicant ID #	NCR39567
Property Address:	Area 1, Perth Amboy City, NJ

Date: 10/21/2014
Direction: North
Description:

Parking lot view over area of the NRHP-listed McCormick Tenant house site. Perth Amboy Ferry Landing in the foreground.



Date: 10/21/2014
Direction: Southwest

Description:

Southeast corner of moderate probability area within Area 2-North APE (Bayview Park)







Applicant ID #	NCR39567
Property Address:	Area 1, Perth Amboy City, NJ

Date: 10/21/2014
Direction: Southeast

Description:

Overview of open space within Area 2 Ape (Bayview Park)



Date: 2012
Direction: Southwest

Description:

Bing Street View of NRHP-listed Kearny Cottage







Applicant ID #	NCR39567
Property Address:	Area 1, Perth Amboy City, NJ

Date:	2012
Direction:	Northwest
Description:	

Description:

Bing Street View of NRHP-listed Kearny Cottage



Date:	2012
Direction:	Southwest
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Description:

Bing Street View of NRHP-listed Kearny Cottage







Applicant ID #	NCR39567
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Date:	2012
Direction:	West
Description:	

Bing Street View of NRHP-listed Kearny Cottage



Date:	2012
Direction:	East
Descriptions	

Description:

Bing Birds Eye view of NRHP-listed Kearney Cottage (indicated by arrow)







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Date:	2012
Direction:	North
Description:	

Bing Birds Eye view of NRHPlisted Kearney Cottage (indicated by arrow)



Date:	2012
Direction:	South
Description:	

Description:

Bing Birds Eye view of NRHPlisted Kearney Cottage (indicated by arrow)







Applicant ID #	NCR39567
Property Address:	Area 1, Perth Amboy City, NJ

Date:	2012
Direction:	West
Description:	
Bing Birds Ev	e view of NRHP-

Bing Birds Eye view of NRHPlisted Kearney Cottage (indicated by arrow)

